

## **Appleby Archaeology**

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday February 12th 2009 at White House Brampton (meeting rescheduled due to bad weather)

### Present

Richard Stevens	Chairman
Tony Greenwood	Publicity
Mike Godfrey	Treasurer
Liz Hawkins	Membership Secretary
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Martin Railton	Field Work/Research
Phyllis Rouston	Secretary

Tony Greenwood who has agreed to be publicity officer was welcomed as a committee member.

### Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed a correct record.

### 1/02/09 Matters Arising

9/11/08 Papers from Mr Le Crane:- Martin R plans to follow up the information on boundary stones in Appleby.

### 2/02/09 Treasurer's Report

A full report was tabled at the AGM. In 2008 the opening balance was £1717.19 and the closing balance was £3899.77

CFLHA subscription has been renewed.

Signatories for bank account:- at the AGM, the membership approved that Martin Joyce should become a signatory.

### 3/02/09 Membership

Membership remains steady. Most members have renewed their subscription. Reminders will be sent in March if there are still subscriptions outstanding.

### 4/02/09 Brackenber Research Excavations

Martin R updated the membership at the AGM. Reports of the excavation have been sent to CWAAS and Neighbourhood Forum.

The dates for the geophysical survey on Brackenber Moor are 30th March-1st April 2009.

Application forms will be sent out with the March Newsletter. Permission has been sought from the landowners.

Phase 2 excavation:- the application to English Heritage is being processed

The excavation is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>- 25th July 2009, the first week of the Festival of British Archaeology.

The TIC will provide some space in Appleby Moot Hall to display information about the excavation, , during National Heritage Week End 12<sup>th</sup>&13th September 2009. To be followed up nearer the time by Phyl and Martin R

### 05/02/09 Website / New equipment

Website :- Martin J .was thanked and complimented on the hard work that he had put in in getting the

web site up and running. It had been a time consuming activity. Martin has looked into the software now available to maintain and develop the site and sought permission to purchase an appropriate software package. It was agreed that he could spend up to £100. If it was to be more expensive then a grant should be sought.

New equipment:- the purchase of a new projector was proposed. It was felt that the membership were entitled to a better quality of projection than our current projector can achieve. This proposal was supported in principle and it was agreed to review it in the autumn after the expenditure on the conference was finalised.

#### **6/02/09 Conference 2009 Medieval Life in the Eden Valley**

Full discussion on the progress to date and of what is to be done.

The application for funding will be in the post this week.

The costs were revised and agreed at £11 for the conference and £5.50 for lunch. It was noted that the buffet would include vegetarian dishes.

It was agreed that the exhibition prepared for the Moot Hall would be on display and that the book seller would be contacted.

*Updated Conference check list is attached outlining tasks to be completed. by the committee members*

#### **07/02/09 Insurance**

Insurance for the group has been taken out with "Towergate risk solutions" Policy type-Archaeology Combined, which runs from 12/12/2008-11/12/2009 Policy Number 2008/799. The premium was £125. Phyl is the main contact and Richard the second authorised contact.

#### **08/02/09 Communications**

Phyllis had received notices from:

Paul Fordman Historic Environment Officer, North Pennines AONB Partnership regarding future initiatives for a community archaeological project. This information was forwarded to Richard and Martin R. Martin will maintain the contact and ensure we are kept informed of developments

CBA The Festival of British Archaeology Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009. Martin R and Phyl had been asked to send details of any events. Martin has notified them about Phase 2 of the excavation

Newsletters for CVS and Appleby in Westmorland Society

#### **09/02/09 Programmes 2009/10**

##### **Summer**

May Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> evening walk to Towtop Kirk near Bampton Martin Joyce

June Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> afternoon walk to Scordale Mine Frank Giecco 2pm meeting at Town Head Hilton OS 737 207

August Saturday/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> day visit to be confirmed. It was suggested a medieval location would be appropriate. Richard to contact Jennifer Callis re sites in Upper Eden eg Lammerside Castle

##### **Winter**

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September 8th Alison Plummer Oxford Archaeology North Brougham Excavation Confirmed Phyl

October 3rd Conference Medieval Life in Eden

November 10<sup>th</sup> ?Matthew Town Delph Pottery site at Lancaster (Martin R to follow up)

December 8th ?Adam Parsons Oxford Archaeology North Vikings has agreed to talk but date has **not** been confirmed (Phyl to follow up)

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January 12<sup>th</sup> AGM Members' Evening Martin Joyce Roman Calendar,

? Barbara Blenkinsop pottery expert and group member (Martin R to follow up)

February 9th ?Mark Graham Community Archaeology (Martin R to follow up)

March 9<sup>th</sup>  
April 13<sup>th</sup>

It was suggested that Mike Davies-Shield be approached but it now appears that he may not be fit enough to give a talk. **Two** more speakers are needed. Ideas as soon as possible to the committee please.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.30.

**Date and time of next meeting** NB change of date as Appleby Horse Fair 4-8<sup>th</sup> June as agreed

**Thursday June 11th at 7.30pm at Pear Tree Cottage Skirwith.**